

Services and Meetings this week

St. Martin's, St. Kenelm's & Tresham Church: open weekdays 10 – 4pm
St. Mary's opens daily 9am – 6pm.

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday – Office Closed

10.00am Holy Communion at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 2nd May

Wednesday 3rd May

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
10.15am Coffee & Conversation after Service
2.15pm Mother's Union at St. Mary's – Coronation theme

Thursday 4th May

Friday 5th May

6.15pm Choir Practise at St. Mary's

Saturday 6th May – Coronation Day

Sunday 7th May – 5th Sunday after Easter

11.00am Community Coronation Service at St. Mary's
11.15am Coronation Service with Communion at Tresham Church

Principal Readings (from Lectionary):

1st Reading: Acts 2: 42-end

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 19-end

Gospel: John 10: 1-10

Clergy:

Rev Lesley Hewish Normal day off – Friday & last Thursday of the month vicar@tyndalebenefice.co.uk
Rev Peter Marsh 01453 547521 (usual day off Tuesday. Do not phone after 6pm)
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Vicar's Secretary & Benefice Administrator:

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Pew Sheet Notices – if you would like anything to be added to the pew sheet notices, please ensure they are sent to the office by the end of Wednesday (for the coming Sunday). I will do my best to fit them in.

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth
North Nibley
Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 30th April 2023
4th Sunday of Easter

Services

11.00am Benefice Communion Service at St. Martin's

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings – as taken from the Lectionary

1st Reading – *Acts 2: 42-end*

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

2nd Reading – *1 Peter 2: 19-end*

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel - John 10: 1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Hilda Swadling whose funeral is at Westerleigh Crematorium on Fri 28th April at 12.15pm

Elaine Vizard whose ashes are being interred at St. Mary's on Fri 28th April

Joan Heaven whose memorial service will be on Wednesday 31st May at 3pm (following a private cremation)

Prayer Chain/Ministry - There is a group of people who will pray for you. To request prayer contact Joan Deveney (01453 844370) or Pat Forster (01453 842557). The Prayer Chain operates for a fortnight, unless otherwise requested.

In April, St. Mary's is prayed for by the other town churches.

******* NOTICES *******

**Revision of the Church Roll will take place
between 16th and 30th April**

If your name is **not** on the current Roll, displayed in the church porch, you are invited to complete an application form (available at the back of church or from the Parish Office). Please return in the box provided.

Graham Smith, Electoral Roll Officer

St. Mary's Children Society Boxes – Saturday 29th April 10am – 12pm, a coffee morning & opening of the boxes, held in the church. All welcome.

Sunday 30th April – Benefice Communion Service at St. Martin's. No other service is happening in the Benefice today.

Wednesday 3rd May - The Mothers' Union will meet in St. Mary's at 2.15 for a meeting with a coronation theme. Everyone welcome.

St Martin's Coronation Celebrations

Floral displays on a Royal Theme 5th – 8th May: Church open 10.30am – 6pm.

Coronation Tea Party in the Church 2.30pm Sunday 7th May. All welcome!

Sunday 7th May – 11am Community Coronation Service at St. Mary's – Big Sing. What is your favourite hymn and why? Members of the congregation – do you have a favourite? Let Kate in the office know.

Sing your favourite hymns together and celebrate this significant event in our history as a community.

St. Mary's Reflection Group – Tuesday 9th May, 2.30pm – 4pm for bible readings, reflections, music and prayers followed by cakes.

Monitor screen – does anyone have a spare, working monitor screen (with power cable) that they would like to donate to the office? If you do, let me know – 01453 842175

Save the Dates, Summer Fairs

10th June 12- 3pm Blue Coat Fair

17th June 12 – 4pm British School June Fling

15th July 10.30 – 3.30pm St. Mary's Church Fete